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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 39, Cornhill, GORDON & GOURD, Litigants Circus, E.C. BATES & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W.M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C.
PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMEDEE PRINCE & CO., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.
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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$7,500,000
Reserve Fund, \$4,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On First Deposit—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 27, 1887. 363

NOTICE.
RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more of their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is made on Hongkong Savings' Bank business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 7, 1887. 754

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

STEAMER "Menalib" sunken about 7 miles N.E. from North Saddle Light. The masts are standing.

H. G. THOMSETT,
Harbour Master, &c.
Hongkong, May 23, 1887. 978

Intimations.

THE LONDON AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS,

1, DUDDELL STREET,

CONTINUE TO SUPPLY THEIR POPULAR AERATED DRINKS, viz.

SODA WATER,

TONIC WATER,

SHRIMP WATER,

SARSAPARILLA,

LEMONADE,

GINGERADE,

RASPBERRYADE,

&c., &c., &c.

SPECIAL RATES TO LARGE CONSUMERS.

Hongkong, May 6, 1887. 505

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 26th Instant, (WHAT MONDAY).

For the Chartered Merchantile Bank of India, London and China.

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

For the Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris.

J. ARBANGER,
Acting Agent.

For the New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 26, 1887. 1007

HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

OFFICE, NO. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD.

PIPE BRICKS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY FOR SALE.

PRICE, \$30 PER 1,000.

The following Testimonial has been received from F. W. CROSS, Esq., Manager, HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED:

I have herewith much pleasure in testifying to the quality of the Fire Bricks as made by you at your new works.

In appearance the Brick is light and soft as compared with the ordinary Fire Brick used in the Colony, but this I may say is characteristic of the best English Fire Brick.

"After a very severe test I have no hesitation in saying that this Brick is admirably suited to resist any degree of heat that it may be likely to undergo and for all purposes that Fire Bricks are used for.

"I am now about to build them into one of my Furnaces and have no doubt of their being able to stand as well as the English Fire Bricks I have been using."

Hongkong, May 23, 1887. 981

THE HOTEL IS COMFORTABLE AND WELL APPOINTED, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have been recently refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The ACCOMMODATION and SERVICE of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious

large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE & HING KEE,

Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

Business Notices.

Summer!

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE NOW SHOWING NEW GOODS IN THEIR GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT, including MANY NOVELTIES in—

UNDERSHIRTS AND DRAWERS.

Fancy and Plain SUMMER HALF-HOSE.

Now LAWN TENNIS JERSEYS.

SILK and WOOL and SILK TENNIS SHIRTS.

Fancy CANTABRIC SCARVES and TIES.

The Newest SUMMER GAVATAS.

BATHING COSTUMES and DRESSES.

LADIES' FINE BATH WRAPS.

BATH TOWELS and SPONGES.

LADIES' WATERPROOF CLOAKS.

LADIES' FIREPROOF CLOAKS.

LADIES' CANTABRIC SHIRTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'s "THEATRICAL" FELT HATS.

TERAI, SOFT FELT, and TENNIS HATS.

SUN HATS and STRAW HATS.

A full Assortment of SUMMER BOOTS, TENNIS SHOES, and TENNIS BATTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, May, 1887. 760

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 6th day of June, 1887, at 4 p.m., at Peak Road near the Albany, and at 5 p.m., at Richmond Road, are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 14th May, 1887. 927

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 6th day of June, 1887, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of 3 Lots of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 25, 1887. 993

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship Diamond, Capt. McCASLIN, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 28th

Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 25, 1887. 996

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship Ningpo, Captain T. S. GARDNER, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 28th

Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, May 26, 1887. 1004

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SURABAYA, VIA SAIGON AND SINGAPORE.

The Co.'s Steamship Borneo, Captain WILKENS, will be despatched for the above on or about the 28th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 23, 1887. 1000

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

THE UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Lord of the Isles, Capt. F. G. FRANCIS, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 3, 1887. 867

NO CLAIMS will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 31st Instant will be subject to rent at the rate of one cent per package per day.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st Instant, or they will not be recognized.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary be given before Non-Today.

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Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP OCEANIEN.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, and Havre, or Steamship *Gauge*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Goods-warehouses, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optical Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation received from the Consignees before Noon To-day (Wednesday), the 26th May, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriters.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 1st June, 1887, at Noon, will be sent to rent, and landing charges at one cent per packet per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before SATURDAY, the 4th June, 1887, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 25, 1887.

To-day's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 525.

A N Emergency MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 27th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m., precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, May 27, 1887. 1000

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

May 27, 1887.

Sleathair, British steamer, 1,236 D. Broughton, Nagasaki, May 23, Coal—
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

Angers, British steamer, 3,185 D. Finkham, Algeciras, May 22, Rice and Paddy—ADAMSON, BILL & CO.

Nanoa, British str., 802 T. G. Pocock, Foochow May 24, Amoy 25, and Swatow 26, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Meredith, British steamer, 918 Donald Young, Saigon May 23, Rice and Paddy—ADAMSON, BILL & CO.

Clovesse, British steamer, 2,244 R. J. Ganson, Antwerp via London April 19, and Singapore May 22, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Rambler, British surveying sloop, 230, Commander W. U. Moore, from a cruise.

Maria, German str., 704 W. Schaefer, Haiphong May 25, General—A. R. MARTIN.

Alwin, German steamer, 400, Samuelson, Haiphong May 24, and Hoihow 26, General—WEILER & CO.

Fushun, Chinese steamer, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

May 27—

Stratheden, for Nagasaki.

Porpoise, for Saigon.

Cochrane, British gunboat, for a cruise.

Manhegan, for New York.

Tatiania, for Singapo and Bombay.

Lombardy, for Singapore.

Hallooing, for Coast Ports.

Pine Chua Chom Kao, for Swatow.

Neuchwang, for Swatow and Tientsin.

Vicayas, for Mauli.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived.

Per *Angers*, from Saigon, 15 Chinese.

Per *Nanoa*, from Coas Ports, 1 European, and 122 Chinese.

Per *Glenys*, from Singapore, &c., Mr. John, and 312 Chinese.

Per *Marie*, from Haiphong, 40 Chinese.

Per *Alesius*, from Haiphong, &c., 23 Chinese, and 3 women.

DEPARTURE.

Per *Hallooing*, for Tamasi, Mr. D. Stewart.

Per *Porpoise*, for Saigon, 12 Chinese.

Per *Tatiania*, for Singapore, 300 Chinese.

Per *Lombardy*, for Singapore, 100 Chinese.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 27, 1887.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship

Captain Gibb, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 29th Instant, at noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 27, 1887.

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GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG

AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glenys*, having arrived

from the above Ports, announces

of her arrival, and having been informed

of their Goods, are being landed at their risk into the Girders of the Undersigned, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 27th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 3rd June will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 27, 1887.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY,

MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,

PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK

SEA PORTS,

MARSELLES, AND PORTS

OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ALSO

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,

DUNKIRK, AND ANTWERP.

On THURSDAY, the 9th of June, 1887, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *Oceanien*, Commandant Dieder, with MAIIS, PASSAGERS, SPECIES, and GARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 8th June, 1887. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, May 27, 1887.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For HAIPHONG.

For ACTA, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 26th inst.

For PROV, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 27th inst.

For KUOHINGTOU.

For Norden, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 29th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

For Whampoa, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 30th inst.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

For Tibet, at 9 p.m., on Friday, the 3rd June.

For SINGAPORE.

For Nioe, at 10 a.m., on Monday, the 6th June.

For TAIWAN.

For HONGKONG.

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any of his other duties. But an arrangement can be made with the Farmer in some way or other. There is no application for the amount of some of the dealers that the Opium Farmer himself is not accountable in any way, but he entered into an arrangement before this ordinance was introduced that he could not sell raw opium. Of course, if he wanted to retain opium, he would be subject to exactly the same conditions as the other licensees. But it is not his business to retain opium; he does not want to do so. In the early part of September, he wrote to say that he did not want to have anything to do with selling, and that he would make return from time to time showing how he had disposed of his opium from original books and that these books would keep his inspection at all times. In the same way I have no doubt he will be willing to play his cards, who is his agent, at whatever office the Superintendent may desire. I have spoken to the Treasurer about this matter, and I think he has seen the Farmer, and I presume no difficulty will be experienced in making the arrangement without having a legislative act for it. I hope to propose this action at once.

Hon. C. P. Chater.—I think, sir, if there is no objection on the part of the Opium Farmer to work in the Superintendent's office, that it would perhaps be the better course to have the provision in the ordinance. It would take away a great deal of the impression which the Chinese dealers have about delay and so forth. I am given to understand that if every one had to go to the Harbour Master's or Superintendent's office to be taken care of, the Farmer might delay for various reasons. The Chinese may have their own reasons, in some of which they may, perhaps, be right, in that it would be safest to put it in this bill. The Farmer says he has no objection to that arrangement.

The Acting Chief Justice.—We must remember that this ordinance has been before the Home Government and any arrangement of that sort would make the Opium Farmer part and parcel of the Government. I think everything might be arranged. It is a matter which I don't think it is necessary to have law for.

The Acting Attorney-General.—It could be inserted in the next contract.

The Acting Chief Justice.—It could be arranged now, I have no doubt.

The Acting Attorney-General.—In clauses 9, 10 and 11, we have struck out the provision which allowed permits to be exhibited at the Opium Farmer's office, and there is nothing now requiring the holders of permits to go to the Farmer's office. It is understood he is to have a clerk for that purpose at the office of the Superintendent. There are various grounds which render it inadvisable that such a provision should be part of this ordinance. I think the objection is not in the clear understanding that the Opium Farmer is to have a clerk at the Superintendent's office for that purpose.

His Excellency.—I think that ought to be satisfactory. You see it is not for the Government to employ the Opium Farmer, as far as we were in the position of collector of taxes. We want particularly to avoid any sign of that sort. Surely if you get what you want without this, nothing is appearing in the ordinance it ought to be quite sufficient.

Hon. C. P. Chater.—I think, sir, if there is a perfectly clear understanding, as the Attorney-General has just said, it will be all right, but the Chinese think they will be biased.

His Excellency.—Well, if I give an undertaking that that will be carried out?

Hon. C. P. Chater.—That is perfectly satisfactory.

The Colonial Treasurer.—They will find out in a week that there is a clerk there.

All the other clauses were adopted.

The Acting Attorney-General.—With the insertion of a new clause in the following effect—“This ordinance shall come into operation on the day after its bengaluru promulgation by the Government.”

The motion was agreed to.

Carried to the Schedules.—The Acting Attorney-General said that in Schedule A, wherever there occurred the words “To be landed on—at—what,” a suggestion had been made that the word “what” should be omitted, so that the opium might be landed anywhere.

The reasons given were that there might be stress of weather or the tide might be against them or that on account of low water the boat might not be able to get into the wharf named, and it should be necessary to go to another. This matter had been considered, and considering that the importers might be anxious about the time of landing he thought it best that charged at the Harbour Master's or the office of the Superintendent, and considering also that it was necessary to follow up the opium, they had not been able to accede to the application made in this respect.

His Excellency.—I do not think you could have made that concession.

The Acting Attorney-General then moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that he might move that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary.—Seconded and the motion was agreed to.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the third reading of the Bill and the Colonial Secretary seconded.

Hon. C. P. Chater.—Before this Bill is read a third time I should like to know whether the Government have made any new arrangement with the Opium Farmer for the interests which we are about to confer upon him. By the passing of this ordinance, it has been stated and I believe it, his revenue will be increased immensely, probably become three or four times as large. That being so, I think that the Government can make some sort of amicable arrangement or mutual understanding whereby a portion of all the additional revenue made by the Opium Farmer by virtue of the passing of this ordinance should be paid to the Government for the extra expenditure that they will have to undertake and for the great inconvenience that the opium importers and dealers have to undergo.

The Acting Attorney-General.—I was not aware that such a question was going to be asked; but the answer is a simple one. No arrangement has been made with the Opium Farmer for the simple reason that he has got his farm. We have passed this Bill because it is advisable to do so for reasons that have been given, and we have not been able to make any arrangement with the Opium Farmer who is under certain engagements with us, and those arrangements both sides must stick to. I believe as a matter of fact he was losing a great deal. If he makes any large profit by the new ordinance that will benefit us, because it will enable the Farmer to offer a better price for the Farm next time that he comes to do with the present provisions. I have no doubt he will be able to offer a much larger sum. We may lose for the present, but in the future we will be the gainer.

His Excellency.—When does the contract with him expire?

The Acting Attorney-General.—I think in March 1888.

Hon. C. P. Chater.—When I put this question I was aware that there was some understanding between the Opium Farmer and the Government, but I thought that some mutual understanding might be arrived at

between the Farmer and the Government as his revenue is undoubtedly increased.

He certainly should refund a part for the extra expenditure for the new offices and staff.

His Excellency.—That is a matter for the Executive.

The Acting Chief Justice said that while the opium question was being considered negotiations were going on between the Government and the Opium Farmer of Penang with a view to have lasting permission of the raw opium farm, but due to pressure was put on the Government, before anything could be completed, this ordinance was laid on the table.

He thought it was very improbable that any Chinaman or any Opium Farmer

would hand over any part of his profits to the Government when he was entitled to

them by an agreement.

Ultimately the new regulations would prove a great advantage to the Government, but in the meantime the Government will reap the benefit. He then quoted statistics of the trade in Singapore to show the amount of opium imported and the amount of opium exported.

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Total.	864,620

NETHERLANDS INDIA NEWS.

The following items are taken from the *Strait Times* translations from native papers:

Sugar growing in Java, which proved so prosperous in bygone years, that, in 1884, the yield totalled nearly six and a half million of pounds, offers no prospect of extension within the next few years, now that cultivation is so low. Growers there are in a bad way indeed.

There seems to be some prospect of a railway being constructed on the West Coast of Sumatra, to tap extensive coal-fields in the valley of the Ombilin river. A Bill has been brought into the Netherlands States General authorizing its construction by Government. In Sumatra so far, the only railway in operation is a private line in Deli. The Ombilin fields have long been famed for the quantity and good quality of the coal found there. For years, private enterprise has vainly sought to induce the Government to take some action for the development of that productive region.

In Deli, several planters have taken to growing tobacco on fields too exhausted for tobacco cultivation, through coolies on the estates. Natives too have been carrying on paddy growing on similar land. But, for all this, the yield of rice there so falls far below requirements that, in 1885, no less than 240,000 piculs of that article had to be imported. Pepper growing is steadily extending, save in the district of Assahan. There the cultivation of that product has considerably increased in consequence of the extinction and extermination of the plantations of the holders of the plantations. In a neighboring district, many new pepper estates have been started. In the island of Bangkai, experiments in growing that article have been made without satisfactory results worth mentioning.

There has been no lack of recommendations to start direct coolie emigration from China to Deli, as the only way for planters to become independent of the brokers in the Straits, in spite of the stock objection that direct emigration to Deli is impracticable owing to the opposition of the Chinese authorities. If this be really the case, it would be advisable for the planters to do away with this difficulty, should hold good as to Deli, as there is none effect as regards other Netherlands Indian ports. That boycotting of some kind goes on against Deli, is the only inference from the fact that the Netherlands Indian Government has just charged the firm of Passag and Co. of Amoy, to recruit 600 Chinese coolies for direct shipment to Banks. Coolies from Banks have long been imported there direct from China, without any recourse to Straits brokers. There is no valid reason why what has been done for Banks cannot be carried out in the interest of Deli planters.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Banks and other Japan and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Damerac and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all three main lines of Steamship.

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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50a, Queen's Road Central.

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Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Tientsin.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

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Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 8th June. (Parcels are to be sent to our Agents, who must be left at the Agents' Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

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NOTICE.

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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

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Connatural Invoices for Goods to United States points should be made out in quadruplicate, and addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C., and sent to us.

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Hongkong, May 14, 1887. 010

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Hongkong, May 18, 1887. 942

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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